



The Fishing Line

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

Services on Sunday Mornings at 10:30

Church Office: (904) 771-1596

September/October 2019

There is an old axiom regarding public speaking that says you should never talk about religion and politics. The idea being that either topic is sure to spark debate and/or a riot. I can't help but look at the times we live in and wonder where we're heading. Politics are toxic. Conspiracy theories are rife. Who knows what the truth is? There are at least two sides and they're telling different truth stories. Our neighbors are viewed with skepticism at best and are too easily made out to be villains dancing to the tunes of shadowy Machiavellian puppet masters.

Division is the name of the game. And divided we are. Liberals and conservatives. Capitalists and communists. Chinese and Russians. Add a dash of Socialism in there. They all seem to be out to further their own ends at the expense of someone else.

As your pastor it's my job to turn our attention away from tweets and sound bites (regardless of whose they are) and remind us to look toward God. To look beyond fear of the immigrants, the shooters, the crooked politicians who are in the pockets of big donors, the foreign interests meddling in our elections—of all of the garbage that distracts us from what our God calls us to do.

Jesus' brand of religion and politics is pretty simple: All the Law and the Prophets are summed up in the phrase, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Not much room to spin that. We just need to remember it. Thanks be to God.

Pastor Marc



S E P T E M B E R

- 1 WSCO Food Collection, Good Samaritan Offering & Communion
- 2 Labor Day
- 8 Grandparents' Day
- 17 Session Meeting
- 23 Autumn Begins



O C T O B E R

- 6 WSCO Food Collection, Good Samaritan Offering & Communion
- 14 Columbus Day
- 15 Session Meeting
- 30 Stewardship Dinner
- 31 Halloween



St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

6317 103rd Street
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*Being the Face of Christ
In our Community.*

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2019

Secretaries

*Donna Kirksey
Judy Medearis
Judith Yeaton*

Active Elders

*Michele Banks – CE&F
Lynda Edwards – M&E
Frankie Hawkins - CCN
Bonnie McNally - CCN
Walter McNair – B&G
Linda Miller – CE&F
Diane Parker – Worship
Judith Yeaton – F&P*



Buildings & Grounds

Greetings from the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Since the last newsletter, we have had another large limb fall from one of our aged oak trees. Except this time, it fell on the roof over the youth room on the west end of the church. Damage included punching a hole in the roof in two places as well as damaging the air conditioner located on the roof top. Water accumulated on the floor but did not appear to damage the flooring. A field inspector from GuideOne Insurance came out last week and the cost of replacing the air conditioner, repairing the roof, and replacing ceiling tiles will be an eligible expense subject to the policy deductible. We hope to have the new air conditioner installed soon.

Our committee always has a lot of miscellaneous work to do on the grounds. Trash continually is blown on St. Andrew's property from the road. If you could spare a few minutes each week to pick up trash, pick up tree limbs, or weed the flower beds, it would help us out a lot. Thanks to those who already do this for St. Andrews.

The number of homeless people seeking shelter and using our facility for the night seems to be increasing. While we should show compassion for those in need, please be aware of your surroundings if you go to the church early in the morning or late at night. Your safety and theirs is important.

Walter McNair



September

10 *Walter & Mary McNair*

October

4 *John & Suzi Starkey*

6 *John & Pat Eubanks*

OUR PRAYER LIST



*Nancy Anson, Diane Baylor,
 Alan Brighwell, Pat Bukovac,
 Danny Cone, Kim Cope,
 Barbara Wade Dennison,
 Lynda Edwards,
 Dalton R. Furbee,
 Thadys Gilder,
 Linda Gordon, Theresa Gray,
 Jim Howe, Lyndia Iso,
 Keith Johnson,
 Catherine Jones, Ken Lindsold,
 Jennifer Kessler,
 Linda Kneece, Ray Massey,
 Sue Massey, Howard McNulty,
 David Nelson,
 Merri Kay Nelson,
 The Parramore Family,
 Charleen Pavlakovich,
 Tim Pierson,
 Ralph Ramsey, Vickie Roberts,
 David Michael Schott,
 Bob & Carol Shircliff,
 David Spranger,
 Susan Spranger,
 Butch Stafflenio,
 John & Suzi Starkey, Helen
 Starks, Jack Strickland,
 Phyllis Stubbs,
 Shirley Stuckey, Pat Sundt,
 Clarence Sweat, Betty Tanner,
 Robert Tarkinson, Sam Taylor,
 Pat Thomas,
 Morgan Thornton,
 Art Vaughn & Jennifer Wright*

VISITS TO OUR SHUT-INS



Anyone interested in visiting and/or taking Communion to our shut-ins, contact the Office.

JULIET (Join Us Ladies Into Eating Together) First Tuesday each month @ 6:00pm location TBD.

Adult Bible Study – Thursdays @ 11:00am in the Youth Room

F&P

The Finance & Personnel Committee met and began to plan our big Stewardship Dinner which is planned for October 30. The topic of our Dinner is “Stewardship and The Future of St. Andrews.” The menu is yet to be decided. Since this is being written before the Session Meeting there is much I don’t know so stay tuned for lots of interesting happenings. I’m sure this will prove to be a very interesting dinner.

Cathy Dahl, our Church Music Director, and Judith Yeaton traveled over to Calvin Presbyterian Church which was giving away 4 file drawers of choir music. We brought back 2 large boxes and hopefully will save the church a lot of money since we may not have to replace much of the music that was destroyed when the branch poked a hole in the ceiling last year and it was not discovered until we had had several rain storms.

This year a second branch has fallen through the roof, this time over the Sunday School room and damaged the A/C among other things. Since we had already decided to replace the A/C in the Pastor’s office, we decided to replace them both at this time.

The F & P Committee is working hard to make sure we use our funds in the most judicial manner. Please keep us and all the workers on all the committees in your prayers.

Members of this committee are: Cathy Barr, Phyllis Herpy, Mary McNair, Joyce Miller and Judith Yeaton, Chairman

Yours in Christ
Judith Yeaton, Chairman

WSCO Needs

WSCO is partnering with Love Alive Church, to provide baby items to Quigley House, location not published for safety. Quigley House helps mothers who are assaulted, battered and homeless.

Below are items needed to provide assistance and serve the community. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask Diane Parker. Let's do exactly what it is WSCO was created to do, be there for the community in time of crisis!

Requested Items: Diapers, wipes, bottles, bibs, onesies, socks, receiving blankets and pacifiers. Please feel free to give any other items that you feel will be a blessing.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, for all you do!

WSCO

Fall Bazaar

Save the Date and Participate in the St. Andrews Fall Bazaar. Booths will be available for rent.

Saturday, November 2nd 8:00 – 1:00pm

Thrift Shop

Come in and checkout our goodies for sale.



September

- 11 Loriane Nelson
- 13 Hunter Jones
- 14 JR Wood
- 16 Diane Baylor
- 16 Kristie Christiansen
- 16 Judith Yeaton
- 18 Jody Wood
- 22 Bonnie McNally
- 26 Summer Hackney

October

- 1 Phyllis Stubbs
- 2 JP McCall
- 5 Tessa Roberts
- 6 Frank Edwards
- 8 Michael Banks
- 12 Sue Massey
- 17 Teresa Sweat
- 20 Joyce Miller

Worship

Probably the happiest news we've had to report in a very long time is the baptism of Gracey Kersten on August 11th. There were several other children in the congregation and the sounds of young life was music to our ears. Gracey was a happy baby and didn't get upset with the water on her head. The congregation was invited to partake of cake and beverages following the service. A wonderful time!

At the opposite end of the story of life is the planned Celebration of Life Memorial Service for Sheryl Harmon on August 31st at 12:00 (noon) at the church with a light luncheon to follow. Sheryl was a hard worker for our church and she is greatly missed by her many friends.

The Committee purchased a portable communion set for Pastor Marc to use as the one we had was totally worn out. This new one will work much better for him as he has been doing a lot of visiting and he needed something reliable to use to bring communion to members who can't get to church.

We tried to set up another Progressive Dinner this year where the three nearby churches (Lake Shore, Murray Hill & us) would get together and provide a first course, main meal, and dessert. We had such a great time last year when we did this and Murray Hill was ready to go but Lake Shore wasn't able to participate this year and with the summer drawing to a close we decided to cancel this endeavor for this year and see where we all are next year.

Diane Parker is working on putting together some packets to be handed out to children who come to church before Sunday School. These are pages to be colored (crayons provided) and puzzles to be figured out. There will be packets for younger children and others for those older kids not yet ready to sit through a whole service.

And it was just too hot to even think about the Holidays just yet!

Worship Committee members are: Lynda Edwards, Judy Medearis, Diane Parker, Chairman and Judith Yeaton. Always ready to help in the background are Jody and JR Wood, Bill Starks and Bert Yeaton.

Yours in Christ,
Diane Parker, Chairman

*A Note from
the Clerk*



St. Andrews has numerous activities in September and October. Please bring your family and friends and participate.

~ Summer

Mission and Evangelism

M&E committee is continuing our mission of helping members as well as the community in many ways. Our Thrift Store is open Wednesdays 8-12 and Sunday mornings after services. All money is deposited into St. Andrews general fund. June's Thrift Store income was \$430.00 and July was \$530.00. We are still teaming up with the Gleaners who provide free bread and bakery item to the public.

School supplies were delivered to Oak Hill Elementary and they were very happy to receive them. Our Pentecost Offering was \$181.00 and our Gideons Offering was \$229.00. Both donations went to very worthy causes.

Dresses for Presbyterian Social Ministries will have their 'Fashion Show' on Sunday, September 8. This is an event you do not want to miss.

We will hopefully be starting our Community Dinners with the Fellowship Committee in the fall.

Mission and Evangelism meets every first Sunday after service in the yellow room.

Lynda Edwards

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

DUE

***** OCTOBER 22nd*****

*Articles can be e-mailed to
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Or placed in the Newsletter box
in the office*
